

Appl.No.09/938,292

Response dated February 27, 2004

Reply to Office action of December 1, 2003

### Remarks

This application was filed with 14 claims. Claims 1-8 and 10-14 have been allowed. Claim 9 has been objected to. Claim 9 has been amended. Claims 12 and 13 have been canceled. Therefore, Claims 1-11 and 14 are pending in the Application. Reconsideration of the application based on the remaining claims as amended is respectfully requested.

### Drawings

The Office Action states that the proposed substitute sheet of drawings filed on January 13, 2003 has been disapproved for introducing new matter. While disagreeing with this position, Applicant has withdrawn Figure 8, the Figure in question.

### Claim Objections

Claim 9 was objected to due to informalities. Applicant has amended Claim 9 as requested by the Examiner. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that the objection to Claim 9 be withdrawn.

### Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8 and 10-14 have been allowed. Claim 9 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objection. Applicant has amended Claim 9 as requested

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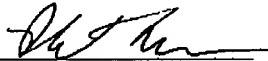
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by the Examiner. Applicant has canceled Claims 12 and 13 only to avoid an objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). As such, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 1-11 and 14.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account 23-0035.

Respectfully submitted,



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